

Haverhill Vision 2031 – Significant changes

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| Policy HV1 Presumption in favour of Sustainable Development | Policy HV1 is a new overarching policy, with the wording established by the Planning Inspectorate, which seeks to enshrine at a local level the Councils commitment to the presumption in favour of sustainable development. All Local Plan documents need to include this policy. |
| Policy HV6 (formerly HV5) Housing on Brownfield Sites | <p>The revision to this policy relates to the former Castle Hill Middle School and arises from significant local concern at the proposal to site residential development on the site of the former school fronting School Lane. The concerns centred around localised traffic congestion at peak times and remoteness from other residential areas.</p> <p>The revision to the policy relocates the housing allocation from the site of the school buildings on the School Lane frontage, to part of the playing field fronting Chivers Road, adjacent to existing housing development. The site of the existing school buildings would be restored to open space to compensate for that area lost to housing. This would also provide the opportunity to create a footpath/cycleway link from Chivers Road to the remaining schools in School Lane.</p> |
| Policy HV8 (formerly HV7) New and Existing Local Centres and Community Facilities | The proposed allocation of an area of public open space at the junction of Chivers Road and Chimswell Way, together with an element of potential enabling housing caused significant local opposition. Accordingly, this allocation be removed. However, the opportunity to provide local facilities in the local vicinity is retained. |

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| <p>Policy HV12 On-Site Low Carbon Energy Target</p> | <p>This policy has been deleted as the required targets are already provided by the council's Development Management Document.</p> |
| <p>Policy HV13 District Heating</p> | <p>This policy has been significantly amended to take account of the lack of a prior study to ascertain the suitability or otherwise of the existing potential for district heating systems in Haverhill.</p> |
| <p>Policy HV19 Green Infrastructure in Haverhill</p> | <p>This new policy has been introduced with references to the extension and connectivity of Green Infrastructure networks, partnership working, the avoidance of harm and mitigation.</p> |

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